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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 10168 ACTION SECSTATE
INFO ALEXANDRIA 16 JUN 77

QUOTE

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SUBJECT: CODEL HAMILTON

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH CODEL DESIRES. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED SEVEN DOUBLES AT HILTON IN LIEU OF FIVE DOUBLES AND FOUR SINGLES. CHECK-IN TIME FOR ALL HOTELS IS 1200 HOURS. IF CODEL WISHES TO CHECK IN BEFORE THAT TIME ON JULY 6 IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PAY FOR HOTEL ROOMS NIGHT OF JULY 5/6. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE NOON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO OR SPENDING FIRST NIGHT IN EUROPE AND ARRIVING CAIRO IN TIME FOR LATE AFTERNOON BRIEFING. PLEASE ADVISE.

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2. TWO CONSIDERATIONS, TENTATIVE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ON JULY 7 (CAIRO 9978 WHICH CROSSED WITH REFTEL) AND SUMMER HEAT IN UPPER EGYPT PROMPT US TO SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
1739-

2000-BRIEFING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

0800-DEPART CAIRO FOR ALEXANDRIA BY CAR.

1100-

1400-MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND FONMIN FAHMY AND/OR
PRIMIN SALIM. (TIMES NOT YET FIXED.)

1430-LUNCH

1600-DEPART ALEXANDRIA

1900-ARRIVE CAIRO.

2000-INFORMAL DINNERS AT HOMES OF EMBASSY OFFICERS.

WE ARE SEEKING OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA SUCH
AS USE OF CODEL AIRCRAFT LANDING AT JAINACLIS, 50 MILES SOUTH
OF ALEXANDRIA. IN FACT THIS WOULD SAVE LITTLE TIME SINCE
IT WOULD NECESSITATE CAR TRIPS TO AND FROM HOTEL TO CAIRO AIRPORT
(APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES EACH WAY) UNLESS WE ARE ALSO ABLE TO
ARRANGE USE OF HELICOPTERS FROM JIANACLIS TO PRESIDENT'S
RESIDENCE EAST OF ALEXANDRIA. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE
EXPRESS TRAIN WHICH TAKES TWO-AND-ONE-HALF HOURS AND STOPS WITHIN
15 MINUTES OF PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE AND DEPARTS CAIRO 0800.
TRAIN IS AIRCONDITIONED AND COMFORTABLE AND WOULD
GIVE CODEL OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH HEART OF DELTA. RETURN
COULD BE EITHER BY TRAIN OR DESERT ROAD (3-1/2 HOURS).

FRIDAY, JULY 8

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0800-DEPART HOTEL FOR SUEZ. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT OFFICES

WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, VISIT TO SUEZ RECONSTRUCTION
SITES AND BOAT RIDE ON CANAL CAN BE ARRANGED.

1200-DEPART SUEZ.

1400-ARRIVE CAIRO AIRPORT. (SEPARATE PROGRAM WILL BE ARRANGED
FOR WIVES. THEY WILL THEN MEET WITH CODEL AT
AIRPORT.)

1430-DEPART CAIRO (LUNCH ON AIRCRAFT)

1530-ARRIVE LUXOR. OVERNIGHT IN LUXOR.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

1030-DEPART LUXOR FOR DAMASCUS.

RECOMMENDATION FOR OVERNIGHT IN LUXOR IS RESULT OF PROPOSED JULY 7
MEETING WITH SADAT AND THEREFORE NECESSITY TO VISIT SUEZ CANAL
ON JULY 8. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT MIDDAY
TEMPERATURES IN LUXOR IN JULY RANGE FROM 100-120 DEGREES FARENHEIT
AND NOT EVEN GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE AT MIDDAY FOR WEST BANK VALLEYS
OF KINGS, QUEENS, ETC). PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE WILL
ENABLE CODEL TO VISIT TOOMBS AND TEMPLES IN LATE AFTERNOON AND
EARLY MORNING WHEN HEAT IS AT LEAST BEARABLE. DIRECT DEPARTURE
FROM LUXOR TO DAMASCUS ALSO WILL SAVE TIME. PLEASE ADVISE IF

CODEL AGREEABLE.

3. NORMAL EMBASSY PRACTICE IS TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR LEADER OF CODEL AND RENT VEHICLES FOR REMAINDER SINCE EMBASSY MOTOR POOL IS TOO SMALL TO SUPPORT LARGE GROUPS. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO USE 19FT510 FUNDS FOR CAR RENTALS. RECOMMEND AIR CONDITIONED SEDANS FOR EACH CONGRESSMAN AND WIFE PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL FOR ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS, MAKING TOTAL OF FIVE RENTALS. EACH CAR RENTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 POUNDS PER 24-HOUR DAY (\$57.14).

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